

of mercy in Nepal on May 12, 2015. Sgt. Ward spent time growing up in Central Florida where today our community remembers his service to our nation.

Sgt. Johnson enlisted in the Marine Corps on March 23, 2009 after earning two degrees from Seminole State College of Florida. Assigned to the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 69, Johnson served diligently in Afghanistan with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit prior to being deployed to Nepal as a crew chief in charge of maintaining the helicopter. As a testament to his outstanding performance, Johnson has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 5, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Sgt. Ward Mark Johnson IV will always be remembered for the honor and courage with which he fulfilled his duties, and for the love and joy he gave his family and friends. This was his third deployment around the world and he never wavered in his commitment to his family, the Corps and his country. As you know, Mr. Speaker, our military deployed on a humanitarian mission to earthquake-ravaged Nepal, and Sgt. Johnson answered that call. With him were five other Marines who perished. We mourn their loss and extend our sympathy to their families.

Sgt. Johnson was a patriot in every sense of the word and is remembered by a loving family and countless friends. He is survived by his wife Haley; their two young children, Nathan and Noah; and his parents, Mark and Shirley Johnson who reside in Florida's 7th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in remembering and honoring Marine Sergeant Ward Mark Johnson IV. We extend the condolences of this Congress and the American people, who he served gallantly, epitomizing the very best of our nation.

RECOGNIZING BROOKWOOD
ELEMENTARY'S NANCY
BONNEAU WORTH

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of one of the most dedicated teachers of the Third Congressional District in Kansas.

Nancy Bonneau Worth is shutting the doors to her Brookwood Elementary classroom for summer break for the last time next week.

She's ending a thirty year career as an educator, twenty of them at Brookwood.

It began at Norman Rockwell Elementary School in her home state of Nebraska.

She then moved to Great Bend, Kansas, where she worked for a short period at Barton County Community College before transitioning to a special education teacher in the Great Bend School District.

Her Masters in Speech Pathology brought her to the Third District to teach at the Kansas School for the Deaf before moving on to Nall Hills Elementary, and eventually Brookwood.

In fact, she integrated sign language into her teaching even after she left KSD by teaching her students to sign the Pledge of Allegiance every morning before school.

Hundreds of successful children, teenagers, and young adults throughout Kansas have called Mrs. Worth their teacher over the years—and are better people because of it.

Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Worth and thank you for everything you have done for Kansans.

Your impact on our district and state is immeasurable.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAY AS NATIONAL HAMBURGER MONTH

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, with summer approaching, many Iowans are firing up their barbecues. While hotdogs, bratwursts, and pork chops are all traditional family favorites, I rise today in special recognition of the hamburger—a delicious staple of grilling season.

May is National Hamburger Month which warrants special recognition in Iowa. Iowa's beef products are considered some of the best in the world, supplying several well-known steakhouses around the U.S., including here in D.C.

According to the Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa is home to over 26,000 cattle operations, with ranches in all 20 counties in my district. Furthermore, the cattle industry in Iowa supports over 15,000 jobs and injects over \$6 billion into the economy. Additionally, the cattle industry supports corn growers in Iowa by using corn as a feed source, consuming over 148 million bushels of corn every year.

Iowa's ranchers and packers play important roles in making sure consumers have safe and nutritious ground beef for our burgers.

For great hamburger recipes, cooking tips, and beef safety information, I encourage all my constituents to visit www.iab Beef.org.

TITUS REMEMBERS GARY GRAY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, Nevada lost a very good man when Gary Gray was killed recently in an automobile accident coming down from his beloved Mt. Charleston.

Gary has been one of my best friends since he took a master's class from me at UNLV in 1977. And Tom and I have enjoyed many delicious dinners and lively conversations about politics and travel with Gary and his wife Chris Giunchigliani over the years.

It is impossible to think of Gary in the past tense because he was larger than life. Who else would serve mountain oysters at a fancy dress party? Who else could turn an inexperienced group of freshman assemblymen (Jim Spinello, Matt Callister, Gene Porter, and Wendall Williams) into a political force the likes of which has not been seen since in Nevada politics? And who else would be brave enough to take on the indomitable Chris G?

Life was always an adventure for Gary. No place was too dangerous to visit, no food too strange to eat, no person too threatening to

strike up a conversation with. So I would never have been surprised to hear that something had happened and he wasn't coming home. But I expected him to be taken from us by an earthquake in Indonesia, an avalanche in the Alps, or perhaps a revolution in one of the 'Stans, not by something so mundane as a car crash. It just doesn't seem right.

Gary truly changed the face of politics in Nevada: he elected candidates at every governmental level; he proudly pushed a progressive agenda; and he professionalized the campaign business. He was a civic activist, a pillar of the community, and a citizen of the world. He leaves a void that cannot be filled.

Bon voyage, mon ami.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, both sides of the aisle recognize the importance of our transportation network to remain globally competitive and to keep our roads, railways, and bridges safe. We all know that long-term projects are more cost effective and provide good-paying jobs.

In Michigan's 14th District, we know the reality of driving on crumbling bridges and roads. The Federal Highway Administration says nearly 30 percent of our state's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. What else needs to go wrong before we do what is right? We must have a long-term funding plan in place before this latest 60-day patch job ends.

We have passed 32 short-term extensions in the past six years. This lack of long-term planning wastes money and resources. More importantly, it has cost lives. Lives that could have been saved or spared serious injury had we all taken this issue seriously. I do not want to attend one more funeral for the victim of a transportation disaster knowing that Congress failed to act on this problem.

HONORING RABBI HERMAN AND LOTTE SCHAALMAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman, an internationally-renowned and beloved couple, on their 99th and 100th birthdays. Rabbi Schaalman celebrated his 99th birthday on April 28, 2015 and Lotte Schaalman celebrated her 100th birthday on January 13, 2015.

Rabbi Schaalman was the Senior Rabbi at Emanuel Congregation in Edgewater, in my district, for 32 years, and is in his 28th year as Rabbi Emeritus. The Schaalmans will be honored at a special event on May 31, 2015 at Emanuel Congregation, which is establishing the Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman Fund, to assure that their remarkable legacy of service will continue.